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SUBJ: FOOD PRESERVATION

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DABELL HAS ASKED THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE (OSRO 1926) BE
PASSED ALONG LARGELY IN RESPONSE TO RECENT NIAMEY MESSAGES.
QUOTE. RE NEED FOR ACTION ON PRESERVATION STORED GRAIN
IN NIGER.

QUOTE A . WHEN USAID FIRST ALATED SORO TO SERIOUS SITUATION
OF INFESTED FOOD AID IN MAURITANIA WE PROVIDED PROMPT ASSISTANCE
THROUGH CONWAY AND PAYMENT OF FUMIGATION COSTS. WE OFFERED
SIMILAR HELP TO ALL SAHEL COUNTRIES BUT NIGER AMONGST OTHERS
DECLINED ASSISTANCE AT THAT TIME.

QUOTE B. SINCE MARCH 1975, WE HAVE GIVEN CONTINUOUS
ASSISTANCE TO MALI AND AD HOC HELP TO NIGER , CHAD, AND UPPER
VOLTS, FOR CHEMICALS AND/OR FUMIGATION CONTRACTS AS WELL AS
FINANCING SEVERAL FUMIGATIONS OF FOOD AID AT DAKAR, ABIDJAN
AND COTONOU.

QUOTE C. SINCE PRESERVATION STORED GRAIN IS CONTINUING PROBLEM
THROUGHTOUT SAHEL, WE ENCOURAGED UK TO PROVIDE SERVICES FROM
TROPICAL PRODUCTS INSTITUTE SLOUGH ON LONG-TERM BASIS.
BILATERAL AGREEMENT NOW UNDERWAY WITH MALI AND OPERATIONS SHOULD
START ABOUT 1 APRIL 1976. PRESENT TPI MISSION TO NIGER AND
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OTHER COUNTRIES IS FIRST STEP TOWARDS SETTING UP UNIT IN OPVN

WHICH COULD ALSO SERVE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. MISSION REPORTS
TO ROME BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND WE SHALL INFORM DONORS OF
FINDINGS.

QUOTE D. WE AGREE WITH USAID/NIAMEY THAT THIS SUBJECT HAS
HIGH PRIORITY. WE ARE DOING OUR BEST IN THE INTEREST OF PRESERVING
ALL DONORS AND COUNTRY GROWN CEREALS BUT WILL NEED FINANCIAL
SUPPORT TO CONTINUE AND INCREASE OUR EFFORTS. UNQUOTE.
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